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Re: **TCEQ Use Determination No. 06-11002**
Houston Pipeline Company; Rusk County Appraisal District

Dear Sirs:

Please consider this letter as an official appeal of the Use Determination, TCEQ tracking number **06-11002**, filed by **Houston Pipeline Company**. It is our belief that some, if not most, of the equipment mentioned in the dialectric coatings (cathodic protection) and pig launching/receiving equipment is part of standard production equipment associated with pipelines for many decades and does not qualify for a property tax exemption primarily because this equipment is installed for productivity and/or safety purposes, not pollution control. As we understand it, the inclusion of cathodic protection as it appears in the TCEQ Predetermined Equipment List (PEL) was originally intended for gasoline storage tanks at service stations that rarely employed cathodic protection and therefore was an incentive to the owners of this equipment to prevent corrosion and associated pollution.

There are other items also on this application that we would like more time to review for their alleged pollution control aspects. We have not been given sufficient information or time to obtain and study details relative to equipment addressed in the application requesting exemption.

We respectfully request that our appeal regarding this Use Determination be granted. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Rusk County Appraisal District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Decker", written over a horizontal line.

Terry W. Decker, RPA, CCA, RTA
Chief Appraiser

Copy: Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., Engineering Services Dept., Fort Worth, Texas